

SATURDAY SPECIAL

Ladies' Outing Flannel Robes, Regular 50c Robes, Special 37c

This sale includes all our regular stock of 50c Robes in both plain white, and colors, their actual value is 59c; sizes 15, 16, 17, special, 37c. Many other especially good values in better robes.

Shoe Sale continues until Saturday night.

Don't miss it.

THE HOMER FITTS CO.

BOMB THEORY WAS REJECTED AS FIRE CAUSE

(Continued from first page.)

able to give any assistance. The governor-general sat in his closed car and watched the destruction of the historic building, the cornerstone of which was laid in 1807 by his brother, King Edward VII, then prince of Wales.

Sir Robert Borden made the following announcement at midnight: "The House of Commons will meet Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The place will be announced later." The premier said that the place would be either the Russell theatre or the government offices of the board of railway commissioners.

Asked as to whether the session would be adjourned the premier replied that he and his colleagues had not yet considered the question. "I was on my way from the chamber to my room, which is near the library," said Mayor Martin of Montreal, in describing his experiences in the fire, "and had gone through the door on the east side of the House of Commons chamber, when I heard an explosion. Whether it was caused by spontaneous combustion or a sudden fire among the newspapers, I cannot say, but instantly flames shot out from the reading room and I realized that there was a blaze. My first thought was of the fire extinguisher, which was nearby, but policemen were then endeavoring to press it into service and I turned, running into the chamber.

"Deputy Speaker Rhodes was in the chair and everything there was tranquil until I dashed through the door and shouted 'Fire—and a big one.' I turned toward my room again, but by that time the corridor was filled with smoke and flames were beginning to shoot toward the chamber. I then cried for the members to get out and run around by room 16, giving the alarm there and escaping into the open air. I saw them helping one of the ministers, I think it was Mr. Burrell, out of his room, and later I saw Dr. Clarke, who had been burned about the face and hands. I escaped without a scratch.

"I reached the hotel about 9:15 o'clock and immediately put in an order for the Montreal fire brigade. I notified Chief Tremblay to send as many men as possible, taking this step as a matter of prudence. I realized then that little of the building could be saved, but feared that other fires would break out. These are serious times and the unexpected has happened so often that I wished to have every protection possible.

"I believe that all the members escaped. There were only about 50 in the chamber when I ran in and shouted fire. Flames shot along the corridors at an awful rate and it seemed just a few seconds until the whole place was black with smoke, making it impossible to see. There was not much confusion on the floor of the House and to this many of the members probably owe their escape."

TALK OF THE TOWN

J. Henry Denning of Park street is spending a few days with friends in St. Johnsbury.

Stephen Driscoll of St. Albans was a visitor in the city to-day on business connected with the Central Vermont railroad.

Mrs. Edward DeBarge returned this morning to her home in St. Armand, P. Q., after spending several days with relatives in Barre and Montpelier.

E. M. Laws of Wellington street returned to the city last night from Boston, where he has been attending the annual convention of the Confectioners' Association of New England.

In city court this afternoon a jury was empaneled to hear the evidence in the case of State vs. Joseph Bennett, charged with a violation of the laws regulating the traffic in intoxicating liquor.

Bennett, who was remanded to county jail upon his failure to furnish bail of \$500 earlier in the week, has asked, through his attorney, for a jury trial. The hearing will begin Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and Grand Juror William Wishart will appear for the state.

Judge H. W. Scott of the municipal court returned to the city this forenoon from Morrisville, where he was called to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. E. W. Potter, whose death occurred in Woodstock Monday.

Mrs. Scott and her sister, Mrs. H. E. Reynolds, and son of Washington street, will return to the city from Morrisville late this afternoon. Funeral services for Mrs. Potter were held Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. W. T. Best, officiating, and interment was made in Pleasant View cemetery in Morrisville.

In connection with to-night's lecture in the opera house by David Goldstein on "Peace and War," the committee representing Barre council, No. 401, Knights of Columbus, under whose auspices the lecture is to be given, announces that Mr. Goldstein will gladly answer all questions relating to his subject—at the conclusion of the address. It is said that this feature of Mr. Goldstein's work adds zest to the occasion, for the speaker is a past master in meeting friend and foe alike to face with a courteous, but decisive defense of his convictions.

The Providence Journal says: "The readiness with which Mr. Goldstein handled the queries which were hurled at him, sometimes two and three at a time, indicated his thorough knowledge of his subject, and his ability to discuss it at all angles."

Long-Lived Vermonters.

That the Vermont climate is conducive to longevity, is proverbial. Probably no state in the union, in proportion to population, has or has had as many nonagenarians and centenarians as has this state.

In this connection the Rutland News calls attention to one instance. Mrs. Lucy A. Kendall of Middlebury, widow of a veteran of the Civil war, is a youthful and active great-grandmother at the age of 85 years, and ventures the statement that few towns even in white Vermont can show a family of five generations, as is the case with Mrs. Kendall.

The Republican knows of a Caledonia county couple, residents of Burke, who, it is believed beat the record for longevity and chippiness. We refer to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Aldrich. Mr. Aldrich is 102 years old and Mrs. Aldrich is 98. They live alone on a small place near Burke Hollow, do their own work and this winter are turning in quite a handsome income by keeping hens.

Talk about health and vigor producing climate, what's the matter with Vermont!—St. Johnsbury Republican.

The First Step.

The first duty of the administration in its campaign for preparedness is to see that the ships now authorized and under construction are completed as rapidly as possible.

That duty the administration is not attending to, and the secretary of the navy is notably unfit to attend to it. An attempt is being made in Congress to find out how quickly the building program, already settled upon and provided for, can be completed and how much it would cost to speed up the work now proceeding with almost criminal slowness. Navy yard construction work is always lagged, and it may be added that the private makers of ships and equipment are, apparently, more anxious for new contracts than they are to complete those now in hand.

It is all very well, as has been pointed out, to authorize new ships and provide the money for building them, but the vessels that the nation must rely upon for defense, in the event of an emergency arising from the war now under way, are those vessels now in commission and those that could be put into commission within a comparatively short time.

First of all, the navy department should be speeded up. The first step in that necessary program must be the substitution of a competent secretary for Josephus Daniels.—Boston Traveler.

TALK OF THE TOWN

J. Henry Denning of Park street is spending a few days with friends in St. Johnsbury.

Stephen Driscoll of St. Albans was a visitor in the city to-day on business connected with the Central Vermont railroad.

Mrs. Edward DeBarge returned this morning to her home in St. Armand, P. Q., after spending several days with relatives in Barre and Montpelier.

E. M. Laws of Wellington street returned to the city last night from Boston, where he has been attending the annual convention of the Confectioners' Association of New England.

In city court this afternoon a jury was empaneled to hear the evidence in the case of State vs. Joseph Bennett, charged with a violation of the laws regulating the traffic in intoxicating liquor.

Bennett, who was remanded to county jail upon his failure to furnish bail of \$500 earlier in the week, has asked, through his attorney, for a jury trial. The hearing will begin Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and Grand Juror William Wishart will appear for the state.

Judge H. W. Scott of the municipal court returned to the city this forenoon from Morrisville, where he was called to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. E. W. Potter, whose death occurred in Woodstock Monday.

Mrs. Scott and her sister, Mrs. H. E. Reynolds, and son of Washington street, will return to the city from Morrisville late this afternoon. Funeral services for Mrs. Potter were held Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. W. T. Best, officiating, and interment was made in Pleasant View cemetery in Morrisville.

In connection with to-night's lecture in the opera house by David Goldstein on "Peace and War," the committee representing Barre council, No. 401, Knights of Columbus, under whose auspices the lecture is to be given, announces that Mr. Goldstein will gladly answer all questions relating to his subject—at the conclusion of the address. It is said that this feature of Mr. Goldstein's work adds zest to the occasion, for the speaker is a past master in meeting friend and foe alike to face with a courteous, but decisive defense of his convictions.

The Providence Journal says: "The readiness with which Mr. Goldstein handled the queries which were hurled at him, sometimes two and three at a time, indicated his thorough knowledge of his subject, and his ability to discuss it at all angles."

Long-Lived Vermonters.

That the Vermont climate is conducive to longevity, is proverbial. Probably no state in the union, in proportion to population, has or has had as many nonagenarians and centenarians as has this state.

In this connection the Rutland News calls attention to one instance. Mrs. Lucy A. Kendall of Middlebury, widow of a veteran of the Civil war, is a youthful and active great-grandmother at the age of 85 years, and ventures the statement that few towns even in white Vermont can show a family of five generations, as is the case with Mrs. Kendall.

The Republican knows of a Caledonia county couple, residents of Burke, who, it is believed beat the record for longevity and chippiness. We refer to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Aldrich. Mr. Aldrich is 102 years old and Mrs. Aldrich is 98. They live alone on a small place near Burke Hollow, do their own work and this winter are turning in quite a handsome income by keeping hens.

Talk about health and vigor producing climate, what's the matter with Vermont!—St. Johnsbury Republican.

The First Step.

The first duty of the administration in its campaign for preparedness is to see that the ships now authorized and under construction are completed as rapidly as possible.

That duty the administration is not attending to, and the secretary of the navy is notably unfit to attend to it. An attempt is being made in Congress to find out how quickly the building program, already settled upon and provided for, can be completed and how much it would cost to speed up the work now proceeding with almost criminal slowness. Navy yard construction work is always lagged, and it may be added that the private makers of ships and equipment are, apparently, more anxious for new contracts than they are to complete those now in hand.

It is all very well, as has been pointed out, to authorize new ships and provide the money for building them, but the vessels that the nation must rely upon for defense, in the event of an emergency arising from the war now under way, are those vessels now in commission and those that could be put into commission within a comparatively short time.

First of all, the navy department should be speeded up. The first step in that necessary program must be the substitution of a competent secretary for Josephus Daniels.—Boston Traveler.

BARRE DAILY TIMES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1916.

The Weather
Fair to-night and Saturday; fresh south and southwest winds.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Holy Hour and Benediction at St. Monica's church this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. A. Daniels and daughter, Bella, have gone to Roxbury, Mass., for an indefinite stay.

N. R. Farnham of Williamstown was a business visitor in this city and Montpelier to-day.

The members of the young ladies' sodality of St. Monica's church will receive communion in a body at the 9 o'clock mass Sunday.

Mrs. Marie Mahan, who is ill at her home on Foss street with pleural pneumonia, was reported to be more comfortable this morning.

George Mascott and his sister, Theodora Mascott of North Main street, have returned from a visit of a few days with relatives in Burlington.

Miss Theresa Miles of Graniteville is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. J. W. Stewart of West street, for a few days since leaving the City Hospital on Wednesday.

Miss Eileen Parks of King street and Ryland Parks left this noon for Randolph, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Morse for the week end.

James Kenefick of Washington street left to-day for St. Johnsbury, where he is to act as referee for the St. Johnsbury academy. Spaulding basketball game this evening.

After passing several weeks in New York, where he has been taking post-graduate work, Dr. D. C. Jarvis of Orange street returned to the city to-day to resume his practice.

Delectable dainties on our list of Saturday specials: Old-fashioned wintergreen and peppermint creams, 15c per lb.; old-fashioned kisses, three flavors, 15c per lb. The New England Fruit Store. See our attractive window display.

Skating to-night at Buzzell rink; open at 7 o'clock. Admission, 15c. A big costume skating carnival will be held on the rink in the near future. Watch these columns for day and date of same.—adv.

David Goldstein of Roxbury, Mass., who is to speak on the subject, "Peace and War," under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus in the opera house this evening, arrived in the city to-day from Burlington, where he spoke Wednesday night.

The Shamrock A. A. basketball team was defeated at Windsor by a town team last evening by the score of 27 to 20. The referee was apparently the most important man on the floor, for 15 of the Windsor team's points were made on fouls out of 45 chances. The Shamrock got 11 baskets from the floor and four fouls. The game was played under professional rules.

Gregorius Tragsikis, a candymaker employed at the Barre Candy Kitchen, takes exception to the reference made to his name in Wednesday's account of naturalization proceedings at city court on the night previous. While conceding that he was once a nominal subject of the Turkish sultan, by virtue of his residence for some years on Turkish soil that should properly belong to the Hellenic kingdom, Mr. Tragsikis declares very emphatically that he is a Greek in national sympathies and by other ties.

Among the visitors in the city yesterday and to-day were the following people: Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Cheseldine of New York City; E. D. Barbieri of St. Johnsbury; Spencer W. Hinde of Burlington; H. P. Delman of East Orange, N. J.; Miss Marjorie Hale of Rochester, N. H.; P. S. Root of Oneida, N. Y.; R. F. Marsh of White River Junction; L. C. Leavens of Cambridge; G. F. McGuff of Burlington; Mrs. Charles Baldwin of Keene; N. H. Henry W. Ellis of St. Johnsbury; Dr. H. N. Jackson of Burlington; Mabel J. Terry of South Ryland; Stephen Franz of Quincy, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Guilmette of Sherbrooke, P. Q.; and D. R. Walker of Brandon.

The mid-winter meeting and banquet of the Vermont State Life Underwriters' association was held last evening at the Montpelier country club house on the Montpelier road. Pres. G. F. North of Burlington presided over the meeting and among the speakers at the banquet were F. A. Howland, the new president of the National Life Insurance company of Montpelier; Edward D. Field of the same company; Henry C. Farrar, president of the Vermont Accident Insurance company of Rutland; and Thomas Magner of Burlington. Secretary A. C. Mason of Rutland and Treasurer R. S. Pike of the same place were among the officers of the association to be present.

Guy Dindo of 9 Hawes place has leased the Dreamland theatre of R. E. Henderson, the Wells River man, who formerly conducted two picture houses in this city. Just now the Dreamland is undergoing a thorough renovation, but the new lessee expects to have his opening on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 5. He will furnish a feature program daily at matinee and evening shows, having contracted with the General Film company for a regular assignment of feature films. Mr. Dindo will restore the popular priced five-cent admission fee to the state. For four years the new lessee of the Dreamland was in the employ of Mr. Henderson and others as a cinematograph operator.

Barre company, No. 6, Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias, had its annual inspection and installation of officers last evening, one of the enjoyable features of the gathering being a dinner served at Hotel Barre. Twenty members of the Pythians' militia branch entertained as their dinner guest Major Henry W. Ellis of St. Johnsbury, who was later to induct the officers into their several positions. At the Pythian hall the installation was followed by the annual inspection. Major Ellis commented favorably on the showing of the company. Following is the list of officers installed: Captain, Frank E. Robinson; first lieutenant, George L. Bates; second lieutenant, William Mercer; first sergeant, Nell O. Ralph; second sergeant, Hermon C. Davis; recorder, Fitch E. Wiley; treasurer, J. C. DeBruine; chaplain, C. C. Kenyon.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—House with large lot situated on South Main street, must be sold to settle estate. For particulars inquire of F. E. Robinson. 2715

FOR SALE—A few household articles, including bed, mattress, kitchen refrigerator, table and chairs, one bureau and lounge. Apply 24 Laurel street. 2715

LOST—A female bulldog, color, brindle, named Frank Bartlett, age, 2½-3, South Barre, Vt. 2715

Plot, Please!

Mamie—The police just broke up a big anarchist parade on Market street.

Jennie—No wonder. The red flags annoyed the bulls.—Chaparral.

MONTPELIER

Mayor Boutwell Not a Candidate But Would Accept Re-election.

A complimentary dinner was given at the Pavilion hotel last evening by Mayor James M. Boutwell to the aldermen, city officials and heads of departments, there being about 35 persons present. State Highway Commissioner Stoddard Bates also was a guest. During the course of the dinner Mayor Boutwell said it had not been his intention to bring politics into the affair but something had been said about his running for some office and he was rather forced to make some statement. He said that if he were to be a candidate for any office (which he wasn't) it would be for re-election as mayor. Later during the evening, after various persons had expressed the wish that he might be a candidate for mayor again, Mayor Boutwell caused it to be understood that he might accept the office again providing there is no opposition. Among those who spoke in favor of returning Mayor Boutwell to office were City Attorney George L. Hunt, who said that various projects were started which needed the same municipal head to carry them through, and Alderman D. B. E. Kent who spoke along the same lines as City Attorney Hunt. Another feature of the evening was the presentation of a cane to Mayor Boutwell in behalf of Street Superintendent Clark B. Roberts, Alderman Kent making the presentation speech.

The firemen were called to 207 Main street yesterday afternoon by a chimney fire. There was no damage. The house is occupied by Frank E. Wyman. Mrs. George Leslie died yesterday at her home on Liberty street of heart failure from the effects of a recent attack of grip. Mrs. Leslie, who was before her marriage, Lizzie May Freeman, was born October 31, 1856, in Ogdensburg, N. Y., and her marriage to Mr. Leslie occurred 36 years ago. She is survived by her husband, her son, Harthan F., and her daughter, Margaret E. Leslie. On account of the serious illness of Mr. Leslie, the funeral which will take place on Sunday afternoon, will be private, and friends are requested by the family not to send flowers.

In probate court yesterday the Barre Savings Bank & Trust company by F. G. Howland settled its account as guardian of Joseph M. Bianchi, now of age.

Sheriff Frank H. Tracy took Mrs. Lucy Weston to Windsor yesterday, where she will serve a year in state's prison, having been found guilty of a statutory offense in Washington county court. Supreme court Tuesday overruled the lower court's order to arrest judgment and sentenced the woman. Thomas Sexton of Williamstown was taken to Waterbury to spend six months at the state hospital for treatment.

Members of the state board of pharmacy left last evening for their homes,

Saturday Specials

- 1 lot of WHITE COTTON BLANKETS, \$1.00 quality... 80c
- 1 lot of WHITE FLANNELETTE NIGHT ROBES, \$1.00 value 80c
- 1 lot of GRAY BLANKETS, \$1.59 value \$1.25
- 3 CHILDREN'S WHITE FUR SETS, values \$2.98, \$3.25 and \$6.50 1.98
- 2 FUR COLLARS, value \$6.00 2.00
- 2 MUFFS, value \$4.00 2.00
- 2 CHILDREN'S COATS, value \$4.00 1.98
- BOYS' FLEECE UNDERWEAR, 25c value 15c
- 1 lot MESSALINE SILKS and ALL-OVER LACES, values to \$1.25, per yard 79c

Henry W. Knight

Gordon Block, Next to N. D. Phelps Co.'s Phone 590

after a two days' session in this city at which seven candidates took examinations.

J. H. Kelliber, bank examiner, left yesterday for Boston.

Mrs. Dora Wing of Summer street left yesterday afternoon for Concord, N. H., to visit her son, Rev. Charles Wing.

People's academy's basketball team, which holds second place in the league standing, comes to this city to-night to play Montpelier seminary at armory hall.

The case of Isetta M. Sargent vs. Joseph Zancolli, alleged bastardy, has been entered in Washington county court.

Referee in Bankruptcy W. N. Theriault is sending out notices of the first dividend in the case of F. N. Brassaw of Northfield, the dividend amounting to ten per cent.

John White, who recently was held on the charge of breach of the peace because of peeping into windows on the meadow district, left last night for Boston, after a conference with Grand Juror Theriault.

The firemen had a puzzle to solve this morning when box 53 on Main street was rung in shortly after 9:30. They went to the box but found no sign of fire anywhere, nor anyone who knew about the alarm being rung in. Then it was ascertained that Chief Pattee tried to ring in box 53 this morning at 9:30 for the daily test of the fire alarm system and the alarm failed to respond,

after which he hurried over to box 62 and pulled in the daily test. It was not long before box 53 came to life and without further handling of the box the alarm was given. The firemen promptly returned to the station, the problem having been satisfactorily solved.

The funeral of Louis Barney was held from St. Augustine's church this morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. P. J. Long officiating. The bearers were Frank and George Blair, George N. White, Philias Chennette, Paul Theriault and Napoleon Frazier.

AGED MAN CUT THROAT.

Peter Blair of Vergennes is Expected to Recover.

Vergennes, Feb. 4.—Peter Blair, who is nearly 100 years old, while suffering from an attack of acute dementia yesterday afternoon attempted suicide by cutting his throat with a jackknife. Dr. Edward Pilon and F. M. Rogers were called and sewed up the gash, which was about six inches long. Unless blood poisoning sets in it is confidently expected that Mr. Blair will recover.

A regular meeting of Green Mountain council, No. 736, R. A., will be held Friday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p. m., in K. of P. hall. Every member is urged to be present. Important business.

Union Dry Goods Company

"THE NEW STORE"

ALL ODD LOTS OF WINTER MERCHANDISE BEING CLOSED OUT THIS WEEK AT CLEAN-UP PRICES

A Daily Visit to This Store Will More Than Repay You

Good Winter Coats at Half Price and Less

We must sell every Coat in stock, and the prices we have marked will surely move them out quickly. Lots of cold weather still to come, and a Coat bought at the prices we quote will be a good investment.

ARRANGED IN THREE LOTS FOR QUICK SELLING

Good All Wool Coats at \$3.98

Not a great many, and at this low price they won't stay long; regular values up to \$10.00; Clean-Up Price \$3.98

Coats at \$6.75

This is positively the best Coat value ever offered in this section of New England. Every garment made of all-wool materials and up-to-date in every particular. The assortment includes Misses' and Ladies' sizes. These Coats sold regularly up to \$16.50. Your choice now at \$6.75

Coats at \$8.75

This lot comprises our very best Coats, the season's best models. Some are half lined and many lined throughout with guaranteed linings. You must see these garments in order to appreciate this bargain. Sold regularly up to \$22.50. Your choice now at \$8.75

An Extraordinary Bargain in Suits at \$7.98

Any of these Suits are good for spring wear, but they must be sold regardless of cost or value. Materials are Poplins, Wool Serges, etc., and worth regularly up to \$16.50. Final Clean-Up Price \$7.98

EVERY GIRLS' COATS MUST BE SOLD AT ONCE—HERE ARE THE PRICES
ALL COATS that sold regularly up to \$4.75 Now, \$1.98
ALL COATS that sold regularly up to \$8.50 Now, \$3.98

For Friday and Saturday

500 yards Fast Color Challies, while they last, per yard 4½c

THE UNION DRY GOODS COMPANY

191 North Main Street

Phone 599-M

An Advertisement in the Times Will Bring Sure Results



The Society Man

will be interested to know that right here he can find the proper footwear for any dress occasion or social function. Dull Leather Pumps with Rubber Soles are right... \$4.00 We also have others at 2.00

The People's Shoe Store

C. S. ANDREWS, Prop. Currier Block, Barre, Vt.

INCUBATORS



We have the agency for Cyphers Incubators and Brooders. Order early and not be disappointed. G. W. AVERILL & CO.

FUR GOODS

If you contemplate the purchase of a Fur Coat our prices will be a revelation.

Our stock of Furs consists of the following:

- 11 Men's Coats.
- 2 Ladies' Coats.
- 1 Fur Lined Coat.

In order to clean up the entire stock this month we shall make some exceedingly low prices.

Can we show you?

The Frank McWhorter Co.